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Response by the Applicant

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Election / Restrictions

The applicant wishes to comply with the Species Election requirement of the Examiner. Accordingly, the elections of species are provided below.

Also, to reflect the Election / Restriction elections, the following additional steps have been taken by the Applicant.

> Claims 1 to 17 are Canceled. Claims 18 to 34 are New.

New Claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31 and 32 represent election of single species, as per the requirements of the Examiner.

I hope the Examiner finds these actions satisfactory.

Shyam Gupta, Ph.D.

Applicant

28 September 2006